

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 542

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Katherine Petko to the education standards recommendation committee for social studies.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, requires the state board of education to adopt "[new] sets of standards in science and social studies that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-310(a), requires that such standards "be adopted through an open, transparent process that allows all Tennesseans an opportunity to participate... and fully implemented in Tennessee public schools in the 2017-2018 school year"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, provides for the creation of the standards recommendation committee for science and social studies to facilitate such process; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, further provides that the "standards recommendation committee [be] appointed in the same manner as the standards recommendation committee created in 49-1-312"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the governor shall appoint four (4) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Katherine Petko of Knoxville to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, the K-12 social studies instructional coach for Knox County Schools, Katherine Petko has extensive experience in curriculum writing, professional development planning, and leading professional learning for teachers at the district and state level; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Petko began her teaching career in the fall of 2001 at West High School in Knoxville, where, over the course of twelve years, she taught all levels of United States history, United States government, civics, economics, and world history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Petko completed an undergraduate degree in political science and a master's degree in secondary education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She continued her studies at Lincoln Memorial University, where she received an Ed.S. in July 2015 in instructional leadership; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Petko is passionate about providing quality social studies instruction, supporting teachers with effective instructional strategies and resources, and providing students with a purposeful and meaningful educational experience; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Katherine Petko to the education standards recommendation committee for social studies for a term that commenced on February 17, 2016, and will expire on January 31, 2017.